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IT'S BEEN RIGHT IN FRONT OF US THIS WHOLE TIME...
IT SEEMED LIKE HE WAS PUTTING ALL HIS ATTENTION ON BUILDING UP THE EGGDOME BEFORE HE LOST HIS MARBLES.
AND THEN HE UP AND VANISHED. WHICH, TO ME, MEANS HE'S GOT TO BE HIDING IN THERE...
I KNOW IT'S REALLY SUSPICIOUS THAT DR. ROBOTNIK AND SNIVELY HAVE BEEN MISSING SINCE THEN, BUT YOU WOULD THINK THEY'D HAVE ATTACKED BY NOW, RIGHT?
*STH FCBD 2011
*STH #212
...AND WE'VE SEEN ROTOR'S PEOPLE USED AS LABORERS AND SECURITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOMETHING. IT LOOKS LIKE A REFUELING STATION, BUT IT'S WAY TOO BIG.
IT DON'T MATTER WHAT THIS REFINERY IS FOR! IT DON'T MATTER HE'S BUILT A REFUELIN' STATION FOR SOMETHING BIGGER THAN HE'S EVER FLOWN.
*STH #215
*STH #218

WELCOME TO THE PLANET *MOBIUS*-- A WORLD *UNIQUE AND BEYOND* WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE *SEGA GAMES*-- WHERE *SONIC* AND THE HEROIC *FREEDOM FIGHTERS* WORK TO *SAVE THE WORLD* FROM THE *FORCES OF EVIL!*

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS

SALLY ACORN
FREEDOM FIGHTER LEADER

IXIS NAUGUS
EVIL WIZARD AND WOULD-BE KING

HOW DID WE MISS IT? THE EGGDOME WASN'T JUST A BUNKER. HE WAS REBUILDING THE *DEATH EGG!*

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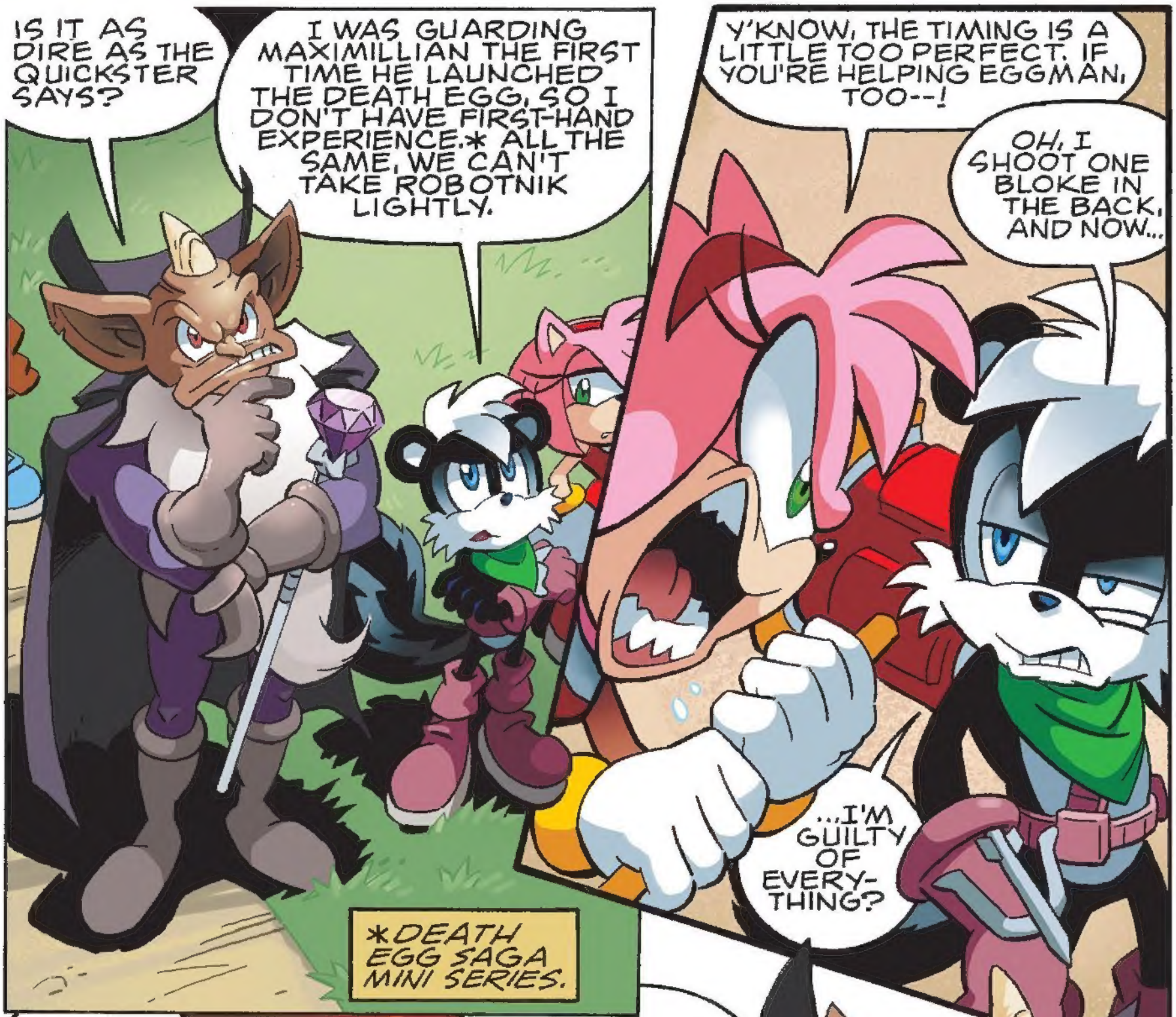
ONE STEP FORWARD...

SONIC! SONIC! IT-IT-IT'S THE--
YEAH. TODAY JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER, DOESN'T IT?


IS IT AS DIRE AS THE QUICKSTER SAYS?
I WAS GUARDING MAXIMILLIAN THE FIRST TIME HE LAUNCHED THE DEATH EGG, SO I DON'T HAVE FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE.* ALL THE SAME, WE CAN'T TAKE ROBOTNIK LIGHTLY.
Y'KNOW, THE TIMING IS A LITTLE TOO PERFECT. IF YOU'RE HELPING EGGMAN, TOO--!
OH, I SHOOT ONE BLOKE IN THE BACK, AND NOW...
...I'M GUILTY OF EVERY-THING?
*DEATH EGG SAGA MINI SERIES.

NAUGUS...
...DR. ROBOTNIK HAS BEEN IN HIDING FOR WEEKS. IF HE'S MAKING A PLAY THIS BIG, HE'LL HAVE THE ABILITY TO BACK IT UP.
FOR THE GOOD OF THE KINGDOM, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CALL A TRUCE FOR NOW.

AGREED.

I WILL NOT LET MY KINGDOM FALL TO THAT VILLAIN!

HH HA HA HA HA HA!

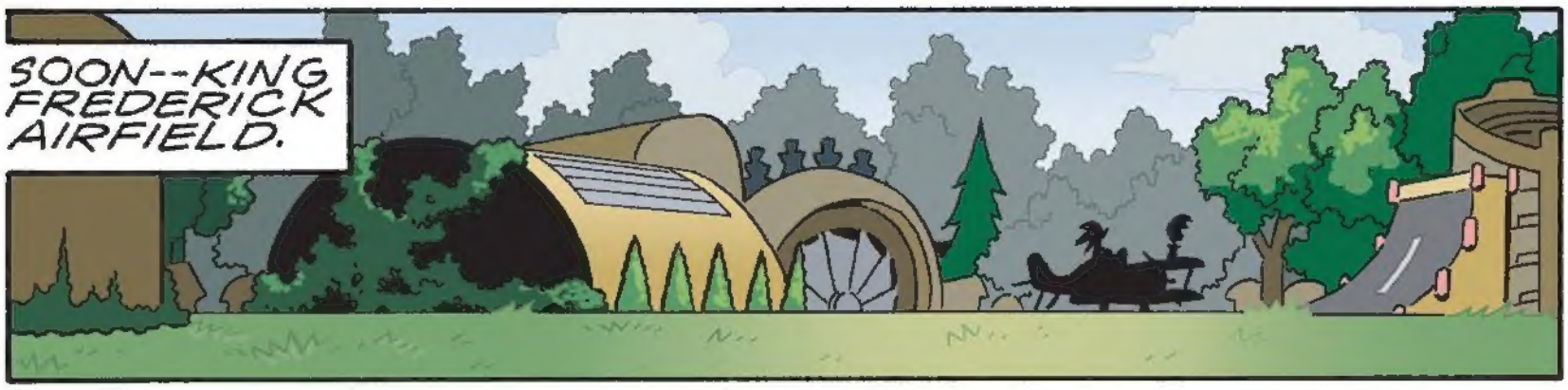
IT'S GOT TO BE AN ACT. NOBODY CAN *NATURALLY* BE THAT CREEPY.

BUT HE'S GOT THE RIGHT IDEA. WE NEED TO STOP THAT THING BEFORE ROBOTNIK USES IT. SCRAMBLE THE F.F. SPECIAL AND THE TORNADO! SONIC AND TAILS ARE WITH ME. ANTOINE, TAKE BUNNIE, AMY, AND GEOFFREY.

YOU WANT *ME* TO COME ALONG?

I WANT YOU WHERE WE CAN SEE YOU. ALSO, I'M COUNTING ON THIS BEING DANGEROUS ENOUGH TO KEEP YOU FROM DOING SOMETHING STUPID.

AND WE WILL BE WATCHING OUR BACKS.



COMM-LINK ESTABLISHED, SALLY.

TORNADO READY FOR LAUNCH. WHAT'S YOUR STATUS, ANTOINE?

WE ARE READY FOR ZE LAUNCH...

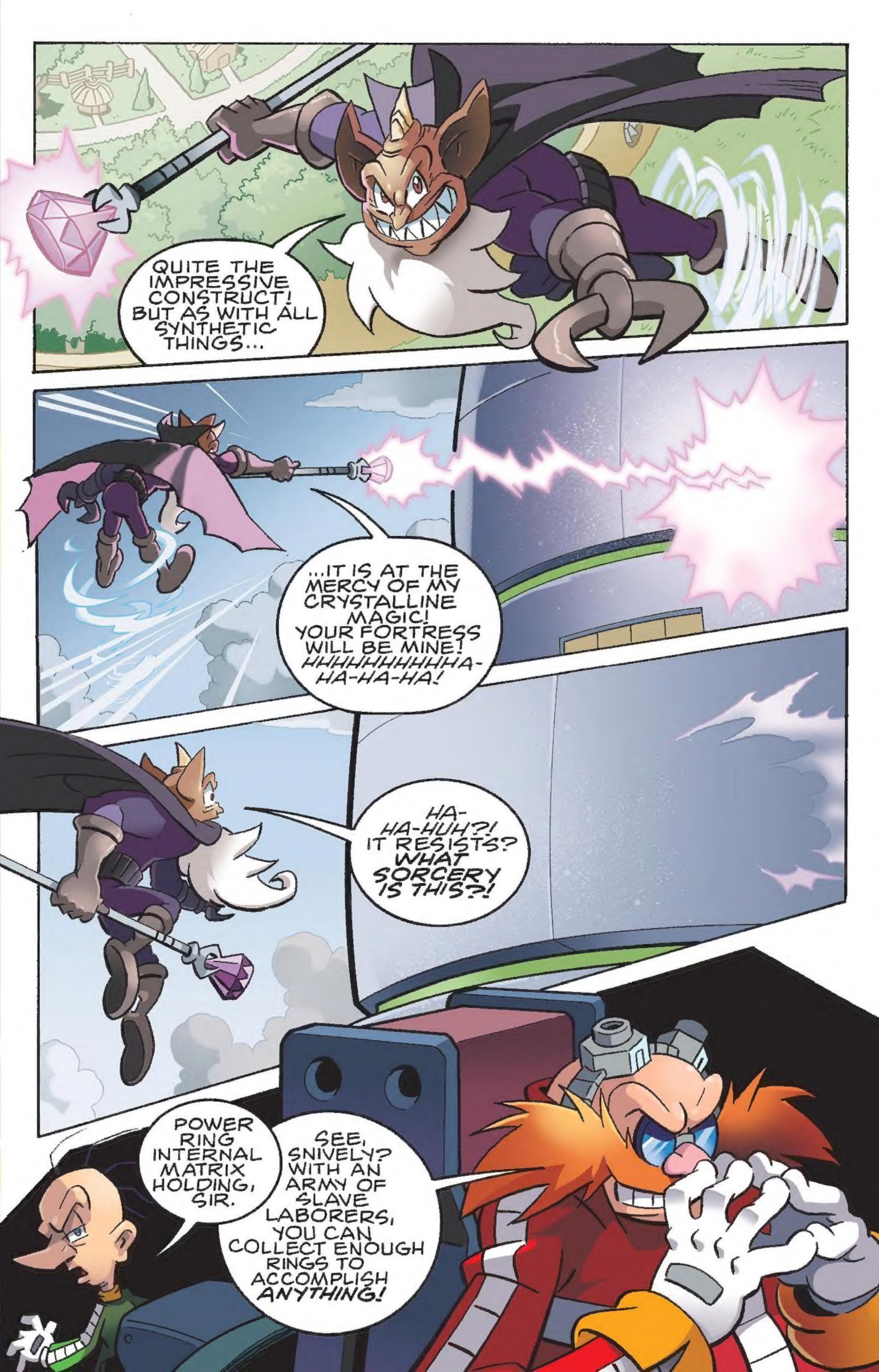
...AND EVERYONE IS *SECURED.*

YOU'RE NOT ALL THAT THREATENING, LUV.

KEEP TELLING YOURSELF THAT.

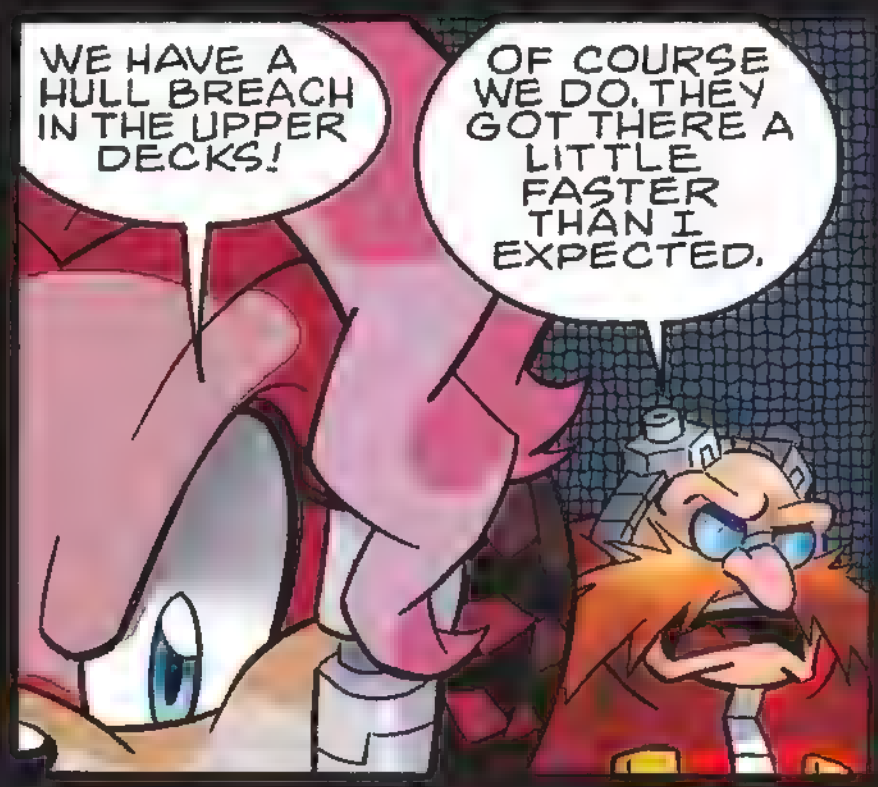
DEATH EGG--CONTROL ROOM...
CHAOS EMERALD ENERGY FEED IS STABLE. ENGINES ARE AT OPTIMAL BURN.
OPERATION: CLEAN SWEEP IS CHARGING, AND ALL SYSTEMS ARE GREEN.
GOOD, GOOD. EVERYTHING IS RUNNING LIKE CLOCK-WORK.
SIR! WE HAVE RESISTANCE INBOUND!
HA HA HA! RIGHT ON TIME! DOES THE RODENT LOOK WORRIED, SNIVELY?
ACTUALLY, SIR, IT'S IXIS NAUGUS!
NAUGUS ?!
UGH!

WHAT IS THAT?
AN OLD FOE, AND THE REASON I LIKE SCIENCE OVER MAGIC. HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A MINDLESS, DROOLING MONSTER!
NO, NO, YOU'VE BEEN OVER THIS! EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED. CHAOS IS THE CONSTANT...
MORE RESISTANCE INBOUND! CONFIRMED FREEDOM FIGHTER AIRCRAFT!
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT! AUTHORIZE ALL AUTOMATED DEFENSES! DON'T BOTHER WITH THE HEDGEHOG!
EXCUSE ME, SIR... BUT...DON'T AIM AT SONIC?
YOU HEARD ME! YOU'D NEVER HIT HIM ANYWAY. SHOOT DOWN THE REST!

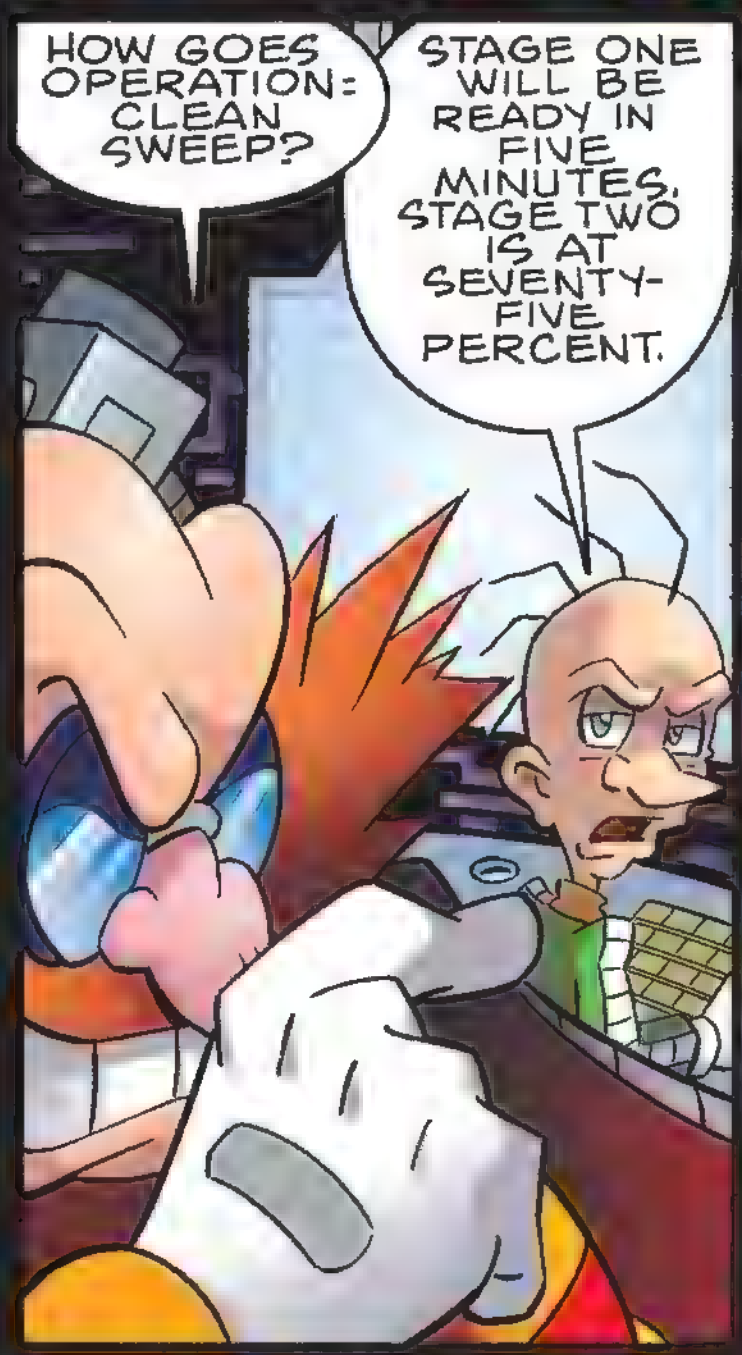

QUITE THE IMPRESSIVE CONSTRUCT! BUT AS WITH ALL SYNTHETIC THINGS...
...IT IS AT THE MERCY OF MY CRYSTALLINE MAGIC! YOUR FORTRESS WILL BE MINE! HHHHHHHHHHHA-HA-HA-HA!
HA-HA-HUH?! IT RESISTS? WHAT SORCERY IS THIS?!
POWER RING INTERNAL MATRIX HOLDING, SIR.
SEE, SNIVELY? WITH AN ARMY OF SLAVE LABORERS, YOU CAN COLLECT ENOUGH RINGS TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING!

ZAP
ZAP
ZAP
ZAP
ZAP
ZAP
Y'KNOW, I'LL ACCEPT THAT HE'S BACK. BUT I FEEL *REALLY* STUPID FOR NOT FIGURING OUT HIS PLAN.
I MEAN, WE SEARCHED ALL OVER THAT STUPID PLACE! *MULTIPLE* TIMES!
SO IF THAT'S THE NORTH-FACING WALL...

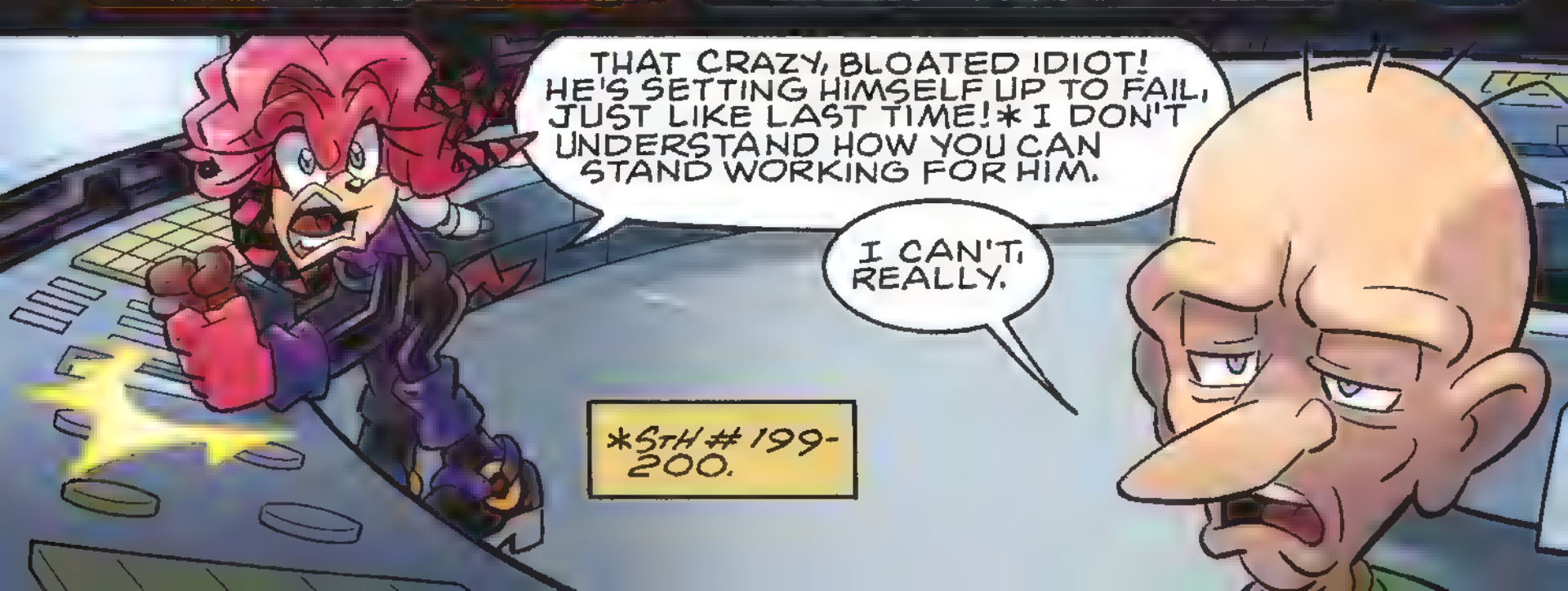
TAILS! BRING US AROUND TO THE BACK! AIM FOR ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT TWENTY DEGREES DOWN FROM THE TOP!
GOT IT!
I THINK I SEE SOME-THING!
BOOM
HOW DID YOU KNOW TO--?
I FIGURED HE WOULD PATCH OUR ENTRY POINT * AT THE LAST SECOND TO MAINTAIN HIS CHARADE.
*FROM THE SIEGE IN STH # 199.


WE HAVE A HULL BREACH IN THE UPPER DECKS!
OF COURSE WE DO. THEY GOT THERE A LITTLE FASTER THAN I EXPECTED.

DO YOU WANT THEM TO RUIN EVERYTHING BEFORE--?!
TCH-TCH-TCH. NOT NOW.


HOW GOES OPERATION: CLEAN SWEEP?
STAGE ONE WILL BE READY IN FIVE MINUTES. STAGE TWO IS AT SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT.

AH, I LOVE IT WHEN A PLAN COMES TOGETHER! STAY ON COURSE. I'M GOING TO PERSONALLY OVERSEE THE ACTIVATIONS.


THAT CRAZY, BLOATED IDIOT! HE'S SETTING HIMSELF UP TO FAIL, JUST LIKE LAST TIME!* I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN STAND WORKING FOR HIM.
I CAN'T, REALLY.
*STH # 199-200.

SONIC AND I ARE GOING AHEAD. HAVE THE OTHERS DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO DRAW THE ATTENTION AWAY FROM US!
ROGER THAT!
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT ME TO RISK THIS? I DON'T WANT TO GET SLAPPED AROUND AGAIN.
OH, SHUT UP AND KISS ME FOR LUCK.

WHUMP
SO WHERE TO, SAL?
I'M NOT SURE.
ROBOTNIK HID THE LOWER DECKS FROM US PERFECTLY. WE ALSO HAVE TO CONSIDER THE HALLWAYS WE SEARCHED BEFORE AS JUST DECOYS...
SLAM!
LOOKS LIKE THE DOC *INSISTS* WE STAY FOR DINNER.
AND IT CUTS US OFF FROM ANY CHANCE AT BACK-UP. WE'RE ON OUR OWN.

OR I COULD, Y'KNOW, SMASH THAT ROBOT. IT'S KIND OF MY THING.
NO. THIS IS CLASSIC ROBOTNIK EGOTISM. HE'S INVITING US INTO HIS TRAP, AND WE'LL USE THAT TO OUR ADVANTAGE. WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HE'S UP TO YET.
ANYTHING, NICOLE?
JUST AS BEFORE SALLY-- NOTHING.

AND...HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP?
I WOULD PREFER TO FOCUS ON THE MISSION RIGHT NOW.

I UNDERSTAND. WE'LL TALK ONCE THIS IS... EEP!
SWOOP!

THIS IS ADDING INSULT TO INJURY. I SEARCHED THIS HALLWAY HOW MANY TIMES, AND THIS STUPID ELEVATOR WAS HERE ALL ALONG?
FOCUS, SONIC. BE READY FOR ANYTHING.

DING!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS ALL THIS FOR?

IT'S EGGMAN. DOES HE REALLY NEED A REASON?

WELCOME! WELCOME! IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN **AGES** SINCE OUR LAST GET-TOGETHER!

I'LL ADMIT, I MISS KICKING YOUR WIDE BUTT. VERY EASY ON THE OL' SNEAKERS.

IT'S REFRESHING TO KNOW YOUR BATTLES WITH THE IRON QUEEN DIDN'T DULL THAT OBNOXIOUS STREAK OF YOURS. IN A MASOCHISTIC WAY, I MEAN.

NOTHING'S CHANGED, DOC! COME ON OUT SO WE CAN TUSSLE FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE!

SONIC, SOMETHING'S COMING UP THE ELEVATOR.

AH-AH-AH, RODENT! TO EARN AN AUDIENCE WITH ME, YOU'VE GOT TO PROVE YOU'VE STILL GOT IT!

DING!

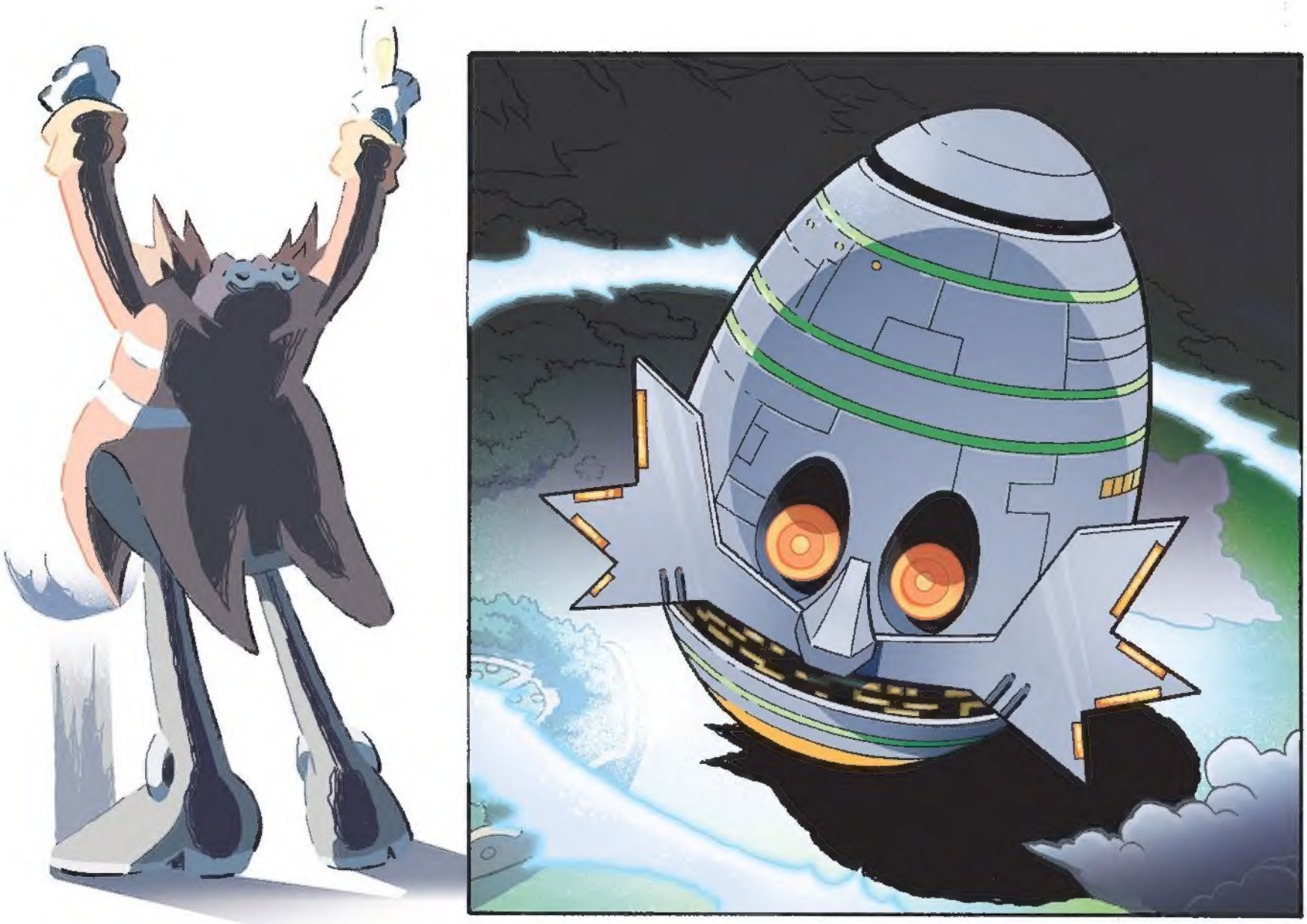
OH, SWEET! IT WOULDN'T BE A DEATH EGG WITHOUT A SILVER SONIC TO FIGHT!
IT LOOKS FIERCER THAN THE ONE IN STATION SQUARE!*
YEAH! AND THE ORIGINAL NEARLY SMASHED ME INTO CHILI-SAUCE. ** THIS IS GOING TO BE AWESOME!
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE!
*STH # 85.
**DEATH EGG SAGA MINI-SERIES
WHAPPA!
ARE YOU KIDDING? LOOK AT IT!

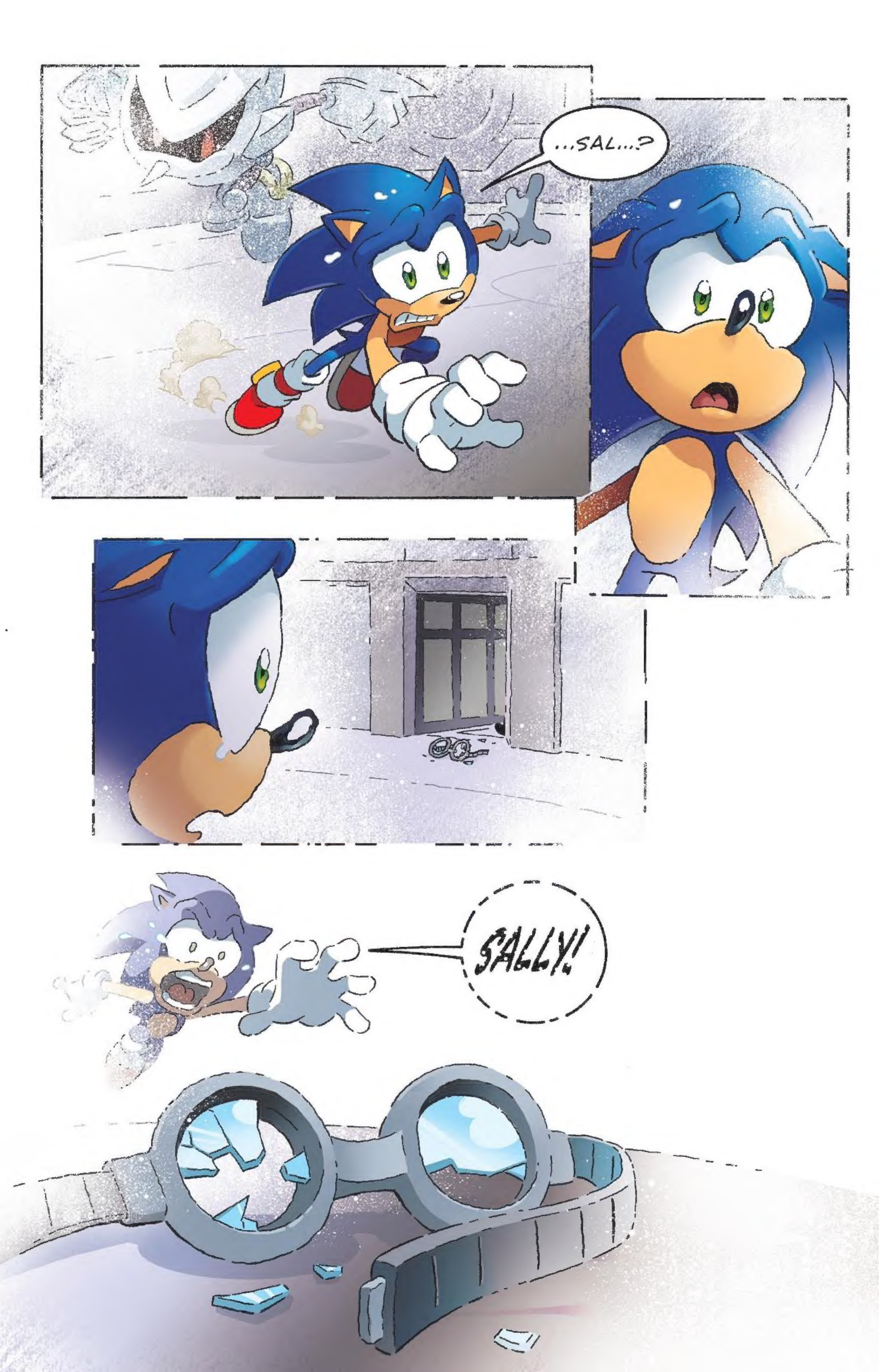
WOO!
HA HA HA! THAT'S IT, SONIC! YOU'RE PUTTING ON QUITE THE SHOW!
SONIC! IT'S JUST STALLING US! WE'VE GOT TO MOVE ON!

NOW, NOW, PRINCESS, DON'T RUIN HIS FUN...! AFTER ALL, YOU MADE THIS POSSIBLE.
REMEMBER, IT WAS YOUR CHARITY THAT LEFT ME IN SNIVELY'S CARE WHEN I HAD MY...LITTLE EPISODE.* HAD YOU BEEN RUTHLESS ENOUGH, YOU COULD'VE ENDED ME RIGHT THEN AND THERE.
*STH #200
I SUPPOSE YOU INHERITED THAT WEAKNESS FROM YOUR FATHER. AFTER ALL, IF HE HADN'T TAKEN IN THAT POOR OVERLANDER ALL THOSE YEARS AGO, NONE OF THIS WOULD'VE EVER HAPPENED! **
**SONIC ARCHIVES VOLUME 13.
YOU'VE HAD YOUR MINOR VICTORIES, TO BE SURE, BUT ONLY BECAUSE YOU HAD SONIC'S SUPERIOR ABILITIES TO MAKE UP FOR YOUR WEAKNESSES.

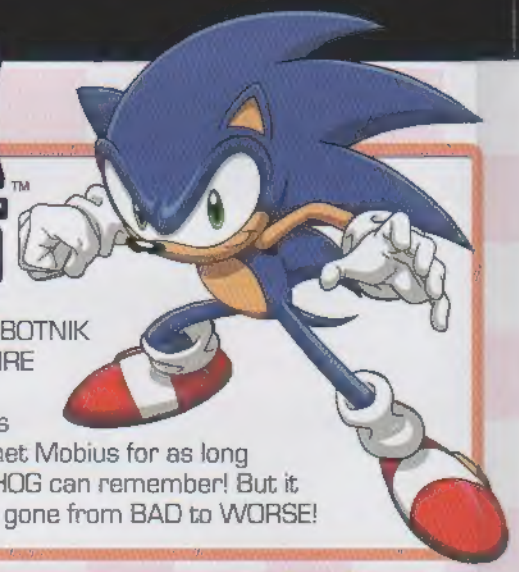
AND YOU-- ACK!
SIR, STAGE ONE IS FULLY CHARGED AND READY.
MARVELOUS!
TH-TH-THIS WILL AFFECT US ALL, YOU KNOW...
OH, GROW UP. YOU WON'T FEEL A THING.
IT'S BEEN FUN, CHILDREN. BUT THE WEAPON IS ARMED, AND I MUST GET TO FIRING IT. FAREWELL!
SONIC! WE'RE OUT OF TIME! WE'VE GOT TO MOVE!
SORRY, WHAT? JUST A SEC! I'M NOT DONE WITH "TINY" HERE.

I'M GOING AHEAD! NICOLE, CAN YOU TRACK WHERE HIS VOICE WAS COMING FROM?
VVVVRMMN
AH-AH! THAT'S FAR ENOUGH!
VVT
BLAM BLAM
SALLY!
GRNK!
BOOP




...SAL...?
SALLY!

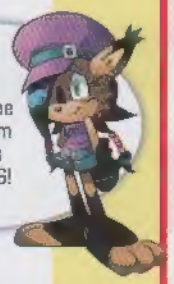
PREVIOUSLY IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™



DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK and his EGGMAN EMPIRE have threatened the freedom and happiness of everyone on the planet Mobius for as long as SONIC THE HEDGEHOG can remember! But it seems like things have gone from BAD to WORSE!

HEROES

SONIC AND SALLY
Hero and Heroine of Mobius!

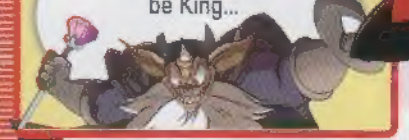


NICOLE
Totally awesome hero made from tiny machines called NANITES!

VILLIANS

DR. EGGMAN
He's Got the Master Plan!

GEOFFREY ST. JOHN
Traitorous Skunk?



IXIS NAUGUS
The Wizard Who Could be King...

IT BEGAN WITH A BEATDOWN!

Sonic and Eggman fought what they thought was their final battle! Eggman's city had been reduced to ruin and only his **EGGDOME** bunker remained!

Sonic's victory drove Dr. Eggman to complete MADNESS! Our heroes had saved the world!

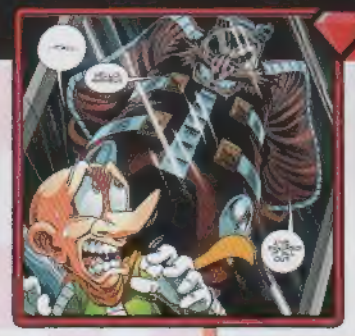
Or so they thought...

THEN CAME THE IRON DOMINION!

Led by shrewd technomancer THE IRON QUEEN, the IRON DOMINION took over the EggDome and the empire!

With a legion of ninja, her partner THE IRON KING, and Eggman's own love-stricken nephew, SNIVELY, the IRON DOMINION conquered Sonic's city of New Mobotropolis!

Sonic, accompanied by SALLY, TAILS and MONKEY KHAN, led the heroes in their fight for freedom, traveling to the Dragon Kingdom to disrupt the Iron Queen's support from abroad!



EGGMAN: BACK FROM THE BRINK

In the chaos that ensued between the Freedom Fighters and the Iron Dominion, Dr. Eggman escaped! What was once a babbling, drooling shell of a man had "reasoned" his way back to sanity. Every failure, setback, and defeat -- all at the hands of Sonic -- suddenly made sense.

Taking Snively and "what was left" of his subordinate LIEN-DA, he snuck into the darkest corners of the EggDome and began to work in the shadows...

THE RETURN OF IXIS NAUGUS

With the IRON DOMINION defeated and EGGMAN in hiding, our heroes finally had a moment to rest!

But that didn't last long! Sonic was betrayed by former ally GEOFFREY ST. JOHN, who revealed himself to be a sleeper agent of the evil wizard IXIS NAUGUS! Manipulating pop-star MINA MONGOOSE and agitating leftover stress from the Iron Dominion invasion, this new duo began sowing seeds of fear into the minds of New Mobotropolis's citizens, all in a carefully planned attempt at making Naugus king!

TERROR FROM TWO SIDES!

Sonic turned his attention inward to deal with the crisis at home. In doing so, he forgot about the Eggman... And now, "The Doctor is in!"

Since the fall of the IRON DOMINION, the doctor's cyborg army, THE DARK EGG LEGION, began constructing massive docking stations across the planet. But why? What was EGGMAN doing all this time?

He has finished his greatest creation. With the BLUE CHAOS EMERALD powering its core, he has revealed the EggDome's true purpose!

What has been hiding in plain sight for over twenty-five issues launched with an earth-shattering force!

THE DEATH EGG HAS RETURNED.